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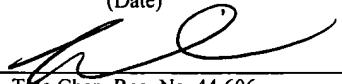
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METHODS AND APPARATUS
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth herein. A two-month extension of time is hereby requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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